

**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING**

March 13, 2002  
City Council Chambers  
City of La Quinta  
78-495 Calle Tampico  
La Quinta, CA 92253

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The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, was called to order by Vice-Chair Gary Johnson at 10:00 a.m. on March 13, 2002 in the City Council Chambers, City of La Quinta, California.

**1. Board Member Roll Call**

Present: Dr. Dan Baxley, John Benson, Gary Johnson, Leon Lesicka, Brenda Soulliere, and Nancy Wright

Absent: Mary Ann Martin Andreas and Michael Smith

**2. Staff Present**

Adnan Al-Sarabi, Jose Angel, Sheila Ault, John Carmona, Kristie Garcia, Phil Gruenberg, Abdi Haile, Chris Igbiniedion, Teresa Newkirk, Robert Perdue, Ivory Reyburn, Charles Springer, Hilda Vasquez, Soni Wells, and Doug Wylie

**3. Others Present**

Steve Bigley, Coachella Valley Water District  
Robert Brewer, Salton Community Services District  
Robert Butler, Salton Community Services District  
Tom Connell, Salton Community Services District  
Randy Hines, City of El Centro  
Sean Milanovich, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians  
Lori Okun, State Water Resources Control Board - OCC  
Carl Sepponen, Nolte Associated  
Rex Sharp, Valley Sanitary District

**4. Minutes**

Meeting of January 16, 2002

MOTION: Ms. Wright moved, Mr. Lesicka seconded, and motion carried unanimously that the Minutes be approved as submitted.

**5. Public Forum**

No one from the public chose to speak.

## **6. Uncontested Waste Discharge Requirements**

### **A. NPDES Permits**

### **B. Waste Discharge Requirements**

JC	R7-2002-0002	United States Marine Corps Base, Owner/Operator, Camp Wilson Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wastewater Collection and Disposal Systems – Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino County (Updated Order)
JC	R7-2002-0006	United States Marine Corps Base, Owner/Operator, Mainside Wastewater Treatment Plant and Wastewater Collection and Disposal Systems – Twentynine Palms, San Bernardino County (Updated Order)
CS	R7-2002-0013	Guillermina Bazabal, Owner/Operator, Mt. Signal Café, Septic Tank/Oxidation Basin Disposal Facilities - West of Calexico, Imperial County (Updated Order)

MOTION: Dr. Baxley moved, Mr. Benson seconded, and motion carried unanimously that proposed Board Orders No. R7-2002-0002, R7-2002-0006, R7-2002-0013, including the errata, be adopted.

## **7. Reportable Violations of the California Water Code**

Chris Igbiniedion, Regional Board staff, reported that the Water Quality Enforcement Policy was adopted by the SWRCB on February 19, 2002, and was currently being reviewed by the Office of Administrative Law.

## **8. Informational Update on State Board Activities**

There was no update given.

## **9. Regional Board Executive Officer's Report**

Phil Gruenberg reported that the Imperial Irrigation District Water Transfer and Habitat Conservation Plan EIR/EIS was currently out for public review. He stated that he submitted general comments in writing. He added that the Quantification Settlement Agreement EIR/EIS and the EIS regarding Colorado River overruns were also currently out for public review. Staff will be submitting additional comments on the documents.

Mr. Gruenberg reported that Mexico has indicated a strong desire to expand the Mexicali I sewage treatment plant and scrap plans for the Mexicali II plant. He added that he was leaning toward supporting Mexico's wishes, but will be requesting Mexico's cooperation in addressing advanced treatment of their sewage effluent, pretreatment, and water quality monitoring.

Mr. Gruenberg reported that the SWRCB is scheduling a series of workshops to address agricultural runoff. He added that he would be in touch with Board Members as more details became available.

#### **10. Regional Board Staff Reports**

Sheila Ault, Regional Board staff, reported improvements currently being implemented into the Regional Board's Public Outreach Program. She stated that one reason this program was designed was to bridge the gap between the agricultural community and Regional Board staff.

#### **11. Board Member Comments**

Ms. Wright reported that she attended a Good Neighbor Environmental Board Meeting and found it very interesting. She also reported that Cal/EPA and San Diego State University would soon be conducting a conference in Mexicali.

Dr. Baxley reported that Mr. Lesicka took him on a tour of the Brawley restoration wetlands project and he was very impressed. Dr. Baxley also reported that Brenda Soulliere would be honored as a successful graduate of College of the Desert. Her photo and biography will be the cover story for the school's upcoming class schedule catalog.

#### **12. Regional Board Chair's Report**

Mr. Johnson reported that a Chair/Vice-Chair meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2002, in Sacramento. This meeting is in lieu of the postponed WQCC.

Mr. Johnson announced that the next Board Meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2002.

#### **13. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.